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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE OCT 5, 1973 FROM MEXICO

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1. I DISCUSSED PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

WITH ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY GONZALEZ SOSA NOTING THAT I HAD TALKED WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA ON THIS SUBJECT THREE TIMES AND THAT MEXICAN AND US POSITIONS HAD ALWAYS COINCIDED IN ATTEMPTING TO PREVENT WHALES FROM BEING EXTERMINATED. I NOTED MOST RECENT DISCUSSIONS AND JAPANESE ATTITUDE WHICH MADE EFFECTIVE PROGRESS IMPOSSIBLE. I NOTED ALSO JAPANESE NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 19, WHICH HE LATER CONFIRMED TO ME MEXICANS HAD ALSO RECEIVED, AND OUR NOTE DELIVERED IN TOKYO. I CONCLUDED WE WOULD BE VERY SATISFIED IF MEXICANS SOUGHT TO DELIVER SIMILAR NOTE TO JAPANESE.

2. GONZALEZ SOSA SAID HE WOULD TAKE MATTER UP WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY WHO HAD FOLLOWED IT CLOSELY. HE SAID RABASA WOULD BE IN NEW YORK UNTIL TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK BUT THAT HE WOULD BE TALKING WITH HIM BY TELEPHONE AND HE WOULD LET ME KNOW FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REACTION. HE CONCLUDED THAT MEXICAN POSITION REMAINED SIMILAR TO OURS AND HE HOPED WE COULD COOPERATE TO PREVENT WHALES FROM EXTINCTION.
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